

MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2020

The meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by President Brandt at 300 Slinger Rd, Slinger, WI, at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in accordance with the notice of meeting delivered to the members on September 4, 2020.

1. Roll Call:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Russell Brandt, President	x	
Jeff Behrend	x	
Lee Fredericks	x	
Rick Gundrum	x	
Rick Kohl	x	
Dean Otte		x
Marlyss Thiel	x	
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Also Present:

Margaret Wilber Administrator, Jim Haggerty Engineer, Tammy Tennies Clerk, Dean Schmidt Police Chief, Greg Moser Utilities Superintendent, Valerie Knetzger Treasurer, Jon Flasch PPWF Superintendent and Tony Dobson Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director.

President Brandt informed the members present that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who requested same and posted in three public locations.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. 8-17-2020 Minutes DRAFT
2. 8-25-2020 Minutes DRAFT

B. Vouchers

1. Sept 8, 2020 Voucher Report

C. Committee Reports

1. Building Inspector's Report August 2020

Motion Board Member Thiel/Board Member Fredericks to approve the minutes of 8-17-2020 and 8-25-2020; pre-authorized checks #51786-51861 in the amount of \$141,209.48; payroll checks #200821001-200821064 in the amount of \$60,464.35 and #200904001-200904065 and online payments #200831001-200831050 in the amount of \$222,122.53; Passed

3. Public Comments

4. Unfinished Business and Action Thereon - None

5. New Business and Action Thereon

A. Resolutions

1. Resolution 9-01-2020 Authorize Reduction of Cash Deposit Farmstead Creek Highlands

Treasurer Knetzger informed the Board that Engineer Haggerty has reviewed the invoice for \$5,940 from Wondra Construction, Inc. and confirmed that the inspections have been performed. A check will be made payable to Farmstead Creek Development LLC. for \$5,940.

Motion Board Member Kohl/Board Member Gundrum to approve Resolution 9-1-2020; Passed

2. Resolution 9-02-2020 Authorize Reduction of Cash Deposit Farmstead Creek Highlands-Arthur Rd Improvements

Treasurer Knetzger stated that Engineer Haggerty has confirmed that the work performed by Stark Pavement Corporation for Farmstead Creek Highlands-Arthur Road Improvements in the amount of \$29,447.32 have been inspected. She noted that the account only has a remaining balance of \$28,611.80 from the Arthur road deposit, so a check will be made payable to Farmstead Creek Development LLC. for \$28,611.80.

Motion Board Member Thiel/Board Member Fredericks to approve Resolution 9-2-2020; Passed

3. Resolution 9-03-2020 Authorize Reduction of Cash Deposit Farmstead Creek Highlands

Treasurer Knetzger noted that the remaining amount owed on the invoice for Stark Pavement Corporation, \$835.52, is to be paid out of the Farmstead Creek Highlands account.

Motion Board Member Gundrum/Board Member Kohl to approve Resolution 9-3-2020; Passed

B. Licenses and Permits - None

C. Review and Action

1. Election Worker Pay

Clerk Tennes provided the Board with a wage comparison of what all the Washington County municipalities are paying their poll workers and chief inspectors. The comparison showed that Slinger is on the low end of the pay scale. Clerk Tennes informed the Board that the election workers have been at the same rate since 2009 and since the municipal clerks can hire individuals throughout the county to work the election, the Village needs to be more comparable with the other municipalities in order to hire and retain the workers. She noted that staff had discussed a new rate of \$10/hr. and \$12/hr. for poll workers and chief inspectors respectively. Clerk Tennes also noted that she had spoken with the Village of Jackson and the Town of Polk who are also considering increasing the election worker pay.

The Board agreed that a wage increase is overdue and the rate of \$10 and \$12 is acceptable.

Motion Board Member Behrend/Board Member Thiel to approve a change in the hourly wage for election poll workers and chief inspectors respectively to \$10 and \$12/hr. effective immediately; Passed

2. Cedar Creek Rd and Speedway Ct Possible Stormwater Improvements

Engineer Haggerty stated that staff has been discussing ways in which the Village can help large contributors see a valuable return on the investment in the stormwater utility. He noted that Slinger Speedway is the second largest contributor to the Village stormwater utility contributing nearly 3% of the annual billings for the utility. Engineer Haggerty stated that staff has been looking to study the area along Speedway Court and Cedar Creek Road in an effort to improve stormwater management and water quality along this area with a goal to help the Slinger Speedway reduce the amount of its monthly payment to the utility. He asked that the Board consider allowing staff to work with Ruekert/Mielke to verify the drainage subbasins, conduct stormwater calculations for each of the areas, evaluate best management practices (BMP) for each of the drainage areas and identify and propose specific BMP's to address drainage from each of the drainage areas. The proposed work would cost \$11,500.

The Board inquired if neighboring properties would be affected along with any issues with the Slinger Speedway owners.

Engineer Haggerty stated that staff had spoken with the Little Switzerland owner and there were no issues. He also has been in contact with the Slinger Speedway and discussed credit for the stormwater utility for granting easement on the property.

Motion Board Member Kohl/Board Member Fredericks to approve staff to work with Ruekert/Mielke to study the Speedway Court and Cedar Creek Road drainage areas; Passed

3. Polk Area Road Improvements and Washington St Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Engineer Haggerty provided a revised 2020-2021 road works plan to include Beine St. Polk St. Slinger Rd. and E Washington (from Slinger Rd. to Beine St.). He noted the remaining roadways (Elm St. Water St. and Chestnut St. and the road diet for E. Washington St.) would be moved to 2022. Engineer Haggerty stated that the costs for the revised plan would be 1,900,000.

No action was taken. More discussion would be held during the 2021 budget discussions.

6. Ordinances - None

7. Communications and Possible Action Thereon - None

8. Staff Reports and Action Thereon

A. Engineer's Report - Hartford Road and James Street Reconstruction

Engineer Haggerty provided the Board with Hartford Rd. and James St. reconstruction update, which included some of the sanitary sewer and water service issues that have been found.

B. Treasurer's Report - Employee Social Security Deferral & COVID-19 CARES Reimbursement

Treasurer Knetzger informed the Board about the employee social security deferral. She noted that participation is optional and that staff is not recommending using the deferral option.

The Board agreed that the deferral option is not something they would consider doing as it is not eliminating the required contributions, only delaying the payment.

Treasurer Knetzger also reminded the board that the Village applied for the Routes to Recovery Grant earlier this year and was approved \$92,262.00. She noted that as of August 31, 2020 the Village has submitted and been approved for expenditures totaling \$12,076.87

C. Administrator's Report - Update on Potential Extraterritorial Action

Administrator Wilber stated that she has been communicating with the Village Attorney about the Village's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction concerning the Town of Polk property.

9. Closed Session

Go into closed session pursuant to State Statute 19.85 (1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Potential land purchase)

Motion Board Member Behrend/Board Member Thiel to go into closed session at 6:49pm; Passed

10. Return into Open Session and, if necessary, take action on Closed Session items

No action was taken.

Motion Board Member Behrend/Board Member Gundrum to return to open session at 7:26pm; Passed

11. Adjourn

Motion Board Member Kohl/Board Member Thiel to adjourn at 7:27pm; Passed

Approved By: _____
Russell Brandt

Drafted By: Tammy Tennies, Clerk/HR Village of Slinger